

Tenant Education Committee Meeting: February 2025

Agenda

1. Finish up workplan discussion (Stakeholder section and low priority items)
2. Senior Millage update
3. Sublease Education for tenants
4. Tenant Union organizing rights

Update about presentations:

Scheduled-

February meeting: Washtenaw County Health Department

March meeting: State Rep. Carrie Rheingans office (Legislative Director Ryan Bartholomew)

To be Scheduled-

May: Community Land Trust

1. Workplan Review:

Green Rental housing ordinance enforcement process

- Goes to council in March, maybe get an update at the March meeting (~15 mins)

Improve resources to assist renters with accessing information on STREAM with the goal of helping renters make more informed choices about where they choose to live.

- Someone in the city may be making a video to teach people how to use it (Rental housing services?)
 - Need to contact someone within the city about current resources for how to use STREAM
- Can we get even more data? Eviction data, fair housing violations, other complaints?
 - New dashboard with more rental housing data
 - Put on agenda for February meeting
 - Modify STREAM or make a new dashboard?

- Meet with rental inspection services AND Stream company (or rep within the City [Anna])
- Schedule extra TEC session to discuss this topic

Update to Rights and Duties of Tenants Booklet – Pre-Tenancy fee update and distribution.

- Wait until part 2 of tenancy fee ordinance is passed before we update with the pre-tenancy fee ordinance
- Get update at next meeting?

Hold two in-person stakeholder engagement events. (Tabling, info session, etc.)

- Email Summerfest about schedule (June 13 – 29) – Jordan will email

Identify resources for renters related to extreme weather.

- Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners – resources for the homeless when dealing with extreme weather
- Winter weatherization program (county level) available to tenants?

2. Update on Senior Millage:

- Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED) may be taking charge of the millage instead of the county creating a new department
- We will wait for any news regarding OCED's proposal and for more information regarding any RFPs

3. Sublease Education:

- Provide information on Subleases and lease takeover
- Work with CSG? Maybe publish something in the Michigan Daily?
- Jordan has a document we may use to educate tenants. Would like to get something together by late August for the 2025 school year

4. Tenant Organizing Rights

- We agree that anti-retaliation against tenant association/union organizing activities should be one of the next policies the city focuses on to protect renters
- Current status of proposed state level legislation? Also need to look for examples in other municipalities